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Serial No.: 09/348,515      Examiner : M. Irshadullah  
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VEHICLES BASED ON STATE OF CHARGE

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REPLYIntroductory Comments:

In reply to the action mailed August 13, 2003, please amend the claims and review the remarks included in the following pages. Claims 1-35 are cancelled and claims 51, 53, 54, 56, 57, 59, 60, and 63 have been amended. As amended, claims 51-63 are pending, and claims 51, 53, 54, 56, 57, 59, 60, and 63 are independent. No new matter has been added. The Applicant asks that all claims be allowed in view of the remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.

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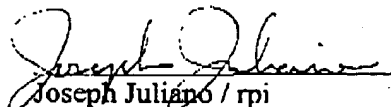
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Attached to this facsimile communication cover sheet is a Response to the Final Office Action, faxed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2004, to Group 3623, the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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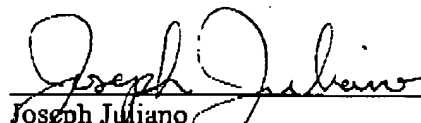
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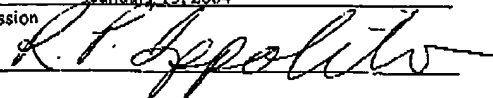
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